Demand for skilled man abroad

836. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AAB MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken a study to identify and quantify the emerging demand for our skilled manpower in various countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to make any such study in the context of the test changing international requirement for these classes of manpower; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is not considered necessary as the trend in demand for the skilled manpower can be gauged from information from various official and non-official sources.

People living below poverty line in rural and urban areas

837. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 773 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1994 and state:

(a) the estimated number of people living below poverty line as at present with rural and urban break-up;

(b) the extent to which these estimates differ from those given by the Expert Group on Estimation of proportion and number of poor and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to review the definition of poverty line in view of the findings of the Export Group; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey conducted in 1987-88 Planning Commission estimated the number of persons below the poverty line in 1987-88 as 195.97 million in rural areas. 41.70 million in urban areas and 237.67 million for the country as a whole. The Export Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor constituted by the Planning Commission has estimated the number of persons below poverty line in 1987-88 as 229.4 million in rural areas; 83.35 million in urban areas and 312.75 million for the country as a whole. The variation in the two estimates is due to the difference in the methodology of estimation.

(c) and (d) The report of the Expert Group has been published for a more informed debate on the issue and its recommendations are being studied.